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Office Action Summary	Application No. 08/804,903	Applicant Rieveley
	Examiner Kevin E. Weddington	Group Art Unit 1614

Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 18, 2000

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) 4-6, 11-13, 16-18, 25-27, 29, and 37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) 1-3, 7-10, 14, 15, 19-24, 28, 30-36, and 38 is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Claims 1-38 are presented for examination.

Applicant's amendment filed April 18, 2000 has been received and entered.

Accordingly, the rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 103 as set forth in the previous Office action at pages 2-4 are hereby withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14, 15, 19-24, 28, 30-36 and 38 are allowed because the prior art, Weinstock et al., publication date is after the February 24, 1997 filing date of the present application. The Weinstock et al. publication date is April 1997 as shown the hard-copy of the reference supplied by the applicant.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Non-elected claims 4-6, 11-13, 16-18, 25-27, 29 and 37 remain active in the present application.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner K. Weddington whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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